



**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
NSW STATE UNIT INC.**
*Minutes of Council Meeting, Monday 18 November 2019
10.30 am, 222 Pitt Street, Sydney*

OPENING: Peg McEntee welcomed all to the meeting which commenced at 10.30 am.

DEVOTIONS: Peg shared a Reflection with the theme of 'Come, Let Go, Trust, and Be Here.'

PRESENT: 27 Members present. **APOLOGIES:** 8 apologies were received.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 19th August 2019 were confirmed on the Motion of Yvonne Coorey and Seconded by Beatrice Kay. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. 27th National Conference, Brisbane: Peg commented that she was pleased to have been there and showed the bag given to each person at the Conference. The wonderful aspect was of women coming together from the different denominations, caring for each other, the prayer and communication between us. Those who attended agreed that the program and bible studies were well put together and the speakers were excellent.

2. Constitution Change - Recommendation 7.3

Executive proposes

7.3 iii) 'That the tenure of Presidency be two years.'

Peg referred to the Motion passed at Conference that the incoming National Executive will investigate the options for the future of ACW and, following constant consultation with State Units, bring a recommendation to the National Conference in 2021. However, the NSW Unit must deal with issues that we face now, and Peg spoke about the difficulty of getting people to take leadership positions. The above Recommendation is proposed to make the tenure of Presidency less daunting.

Peg put Recommendation to the meeting and asked those in favour to raise their hand. Carried Unanimously.

3. Constitution Review Committee: At the August Meeting the Motion was passed that a Constitution Review Committee be formed, and Peg asked for those who would like to contribute to please speak to her. The purpose of the Committee will be to consider 7.3.iv of the Constitution; to look at options available when denominations are unable to provide a President.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Pat Cory presented the Statement of Receipts and Payments from 1st August to 31st October 2019. The Income for August was \$1903.35; September \$533.95; for October \$5668.60; The Total for August – October 2019 \$8105.90.

The Payments for August were \$362.26; September \$100.00 and October \$203. The Total for August-October 2019 \$665.26. The Credit Balance at Bank at 31st October was \$12,084.34.

Accounts to be paid: Submission to ACW National; Reimbursements – E. McEwen for Spiritual Enrichment Day: morning tea \$67.99, Gifts \$28.98; L. Middleton WCD Postage \$5.00; I. Hewitt – Printer Ink \$74.84, Newsette Postage \$70.00; Martha Noel Postage & Envelopes for 2019 \$79.50.

Pat moved that the Financial Report be accepted and that the Accounts be paid, Seconded by Lyn Middleton. Carried

Fellowship of the Least Coin: Peg advised that Moya has been unwell and asked that we keep her in our prayers. Moya attended the Salvation Army Citadel at Campsie and was made very welcome there and a donation was given for FLC. She was unable to be present at Dee Why for WCD but would like to speak to Dee Why at another time.

Special Days: The new National Executive is based in SA and they have come up with a theme for the next two years based on Hebrews 11.1 'Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and evidence of things not seen.' 'Moving Forward in Faith'. Reports are coming in for WCD – most encouraging. The service was very well received, and attendances are keeping up. Roslyn Abbey reported that the attendance at **Bathurst** was up on previous years. Jennifer Peffer said that **Epping** branch had 13

different churches involved with a good spread of denominations. Edith Ridge and Nola Dickson both attended this service. Yvonne Coorey advised that the **Burwood/Concord** was well attended and that they have 2 new ladies on their committee. Tex Quirk sent a report to Lyn praising the Concord service. Margaret Gregory (**Kincumber Branch**) had a successful day with Isabel as speaker, who gave a presentation about FLC. Although Moya couldn't speak at the **Dee Why** service, Helen Richardson said they had a lovely time and a nice morning tea. The **Newcastle** service went well. Isabel presented the PowerPoint presentation about FLC. **Illawarra** used their meeting day for the service and Pat Cory was the speaker. Lyn commented that its been quite a good year for the Special Days.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: See the November Newsette for recent news. Judith will send Christmas greetings to the girls that she has contact details for. Remember the 2019 Scholar, Rev. Geraldine Williame (Fiji) as her studies continue, thankful for this year's financial support from the scholarship. National WKS preparing pamphlets for 2020 Scholar, Hetty Widowaty from Bali. Further details to come in the New Year.

Social Issues: Rae remarked that she is very encouraged by the replies received by Valerie Hazlewood for letters she has written. The main thing when writing is to make sure the subject is obvious to those who read it. The three issues highlighted by Rae were: 1) Letter to the Premier regarding the high cost of irrigation water. 2) Letter to Minister for Health regarding serious outbreak of measles and the need for immunisation. 3) To the Attorney General commenting on the 'Ensuring Integrity Bill'. Sample letters were available for those wishing to use them.

Membership: Martha read the apologies received: Tex Quirk, Lillian Hodges, Moya Potts, Tricia Graham, Helen Hill, Judy Hicks.

Pastoral Care: No Report

Newsette: The November issue has gone out. If anyone has anything for the next issue please have it in by mid-January. Conveners usually give a report – add something of interest, even if just a brief note.

ACWC: No Report

Publicity: No Report

Reports received: *The Reports were received on the Motion of Pamela Freeman and Seconded by Valerie Hazlewood. Carried*

Correspondence – Inwards

ACW Exec. Minutes 26/8 &
Conference Planning
ACW National Conference Minutes 2019
National Conference Photos
Lynette Green 1st & 2nd Place Essays
Lynette Green Response for prayers for Japan
Lt. Col. Gluyas, SA – endorsement of continued
representation on ACW
PPSEAWA Minutes 25/9 and 23/10
Donna Bryan re ACW website update
Mr A. Law re Records from Parramatta ACW
branch (referred to P. Freeman
PWA – SPAN September 2019
National Executive Minutes & Questionnaire

Correspondence – Outwards

Lynette Green re music at Conference
L. Green re Essay Competition
Lt. Co. Gluyas, SA – response to letter
Donna Bryan – response from P. McEntee

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

National Executive Minutes & Questionnaire: The Executive will complete the Questionnaire by the requested date of 20th February.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/ TO ATTEND:

Peg advised that CWL is hosting the WUCWO Regional Conference in Sydney on 18-22nd May. CWL is the organising body. Expressions of Interest have been asked for so they can get an idea of who might come. Countries in the region include Japan, India, Fiji, Philippines. In response to a question from Rae, Peg advised that visitors are welcome to attend.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

Bible Society: Elizabeth will send the 2020 Calendar to the Bible Society and invite them to attend one of the Council Meetings.

Girls Brigade: Elizabeth Neale has had an exciting time visiting Vanuatu for leadership training. As well as training 9 ladies in Port Vila, she underwent hazardous travel via small plane, back of a ute, and then a small boat to South Malakula. There they trained 21 ladies and had the enriching experience of island life. Since August they have had Leadership Training course events. Companies have celebrated milestones – some celebrating 60 years. Girls attended the Duke of Edinburgh Awards presented by Prince Edward. Next year the Girls' Brigade will be celebrating 80 years in NSW.

National Council of Women: No Report

NSW Ecumenical Council: Nothing to report

PPSEAWA: Helen Richardson reminded everyone that PPSEAWA stands for Pan Pacific and South East Asian Women's Association. She spoke about the interesting speakers they have at meetings and the membership of PPSEAWA. They used to have speakers connected with the United Nations Year. They still have an International Women's Day lunch and half the proceeds go to the United Nations. There are a lot of Uniting Church people there as the Methodist church was involved with the United Nations and PPSEAWA. There are also two Jewish women and a Muslim lady, who is the treasurer. At the beginning of the meeting they have a reflection. They use the same rooms for their meetings as ACW, which are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. ACW hasn't had a representative for several years, and it would be good if we could send someone.

World Day of Prayer: Elizabeth Delaney advised that the material for the service in March is all prepared.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jan Harrison advised that Glenda McSorley has been appointed President of AMUA NSW. Jan commented that a lot of work is being done by MU with hospital visiting, court work and the MU Shop.
2. Isabel spoke about Carmel Key's funeral service. Carmel's life was celebrated in a wonderful service at St Scholastica's in Glebe, where she had gone to school and continued her association through the past students' association. The music was beautiful and was a lovely tribute to Carmel.
3. Peg spoke about our meetings and asked everyone to think about how we could do something special at our meeting time which would add interest. We are going to do work on the constitution etc. but this is a very important organisation and it's sad that we are facing aging and decreasing membership. At Special Days we have wonderful speakers who can enthuse us, and we need to have this synergy. Glenda commented that young women don't want meetings but want to be equipped to be the best they can be. "Don't under-estimate who you are and where you are – you are where God wants you to be. Don't under-sell yourself. God has a plan; we just need to discern it". Rae commented that what younger women want is someone to mentor them.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: 17th February 2020

Chairs: Uniting Morning Tea: Anglican Trading Table: Presbyterian

CLOSE OF MEETING: Peg thanked everyone for their support and wished each of us Peace, Love and Joy of the Christmas Season.